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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Group Art Unit 3611 :  
: Confirmation No. 6281  
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In re Application of :  
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Christopher W. Durham : A VEHICLE CLAMP HAVING A  
: VIBRATION DAMPENING INSERT  
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Serial No. 10/824,213 :  
:   
Filed: April 14, 2004 : Attorney Docket No.: 282829-00083

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC  
600 Grant Street, 44<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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November 9, 2004

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Enclosed please find an Information Disclosure Statement and a  
Preliminary Amendment for the above-captioned application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflecting in the Listing of claims beginning on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

It is submitted that no fee is due. Any unforeseen fees may be charged to Eckert  
Seamans Cherin & Mellott Deposit Account No. 02-2556. A duplicate copy of this  
page and the signature page are enclosed.